

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning at line 13, page 5, with the following amended paragraph:

~~Co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/558,235, filed April 24, 2000~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,274,126 discloses a hair conditioning composition for conditioning, lightening, and ~~highlighting~~ highlighting hair, which comprises

- i) peroxygen compound, and
 - ii) a conditioning agent,
- said composition having a pH of 5 or less.

A Replacement/New Abstract is listed separately on page 4 of the Amendment.